

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19 are pending in this application, with claims 13 and 15 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 15 and 18, as well as the indication that claims 17 and 19 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the allowable subject matter, claim 13 is amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 17 and intervening claim 16. In view of the amendments, independent claim 13 is now deemed to be allowable.

Claims 10-12 and 16-17 are canceled by this amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

Dependent claim 19 is amended to depend from claim 13.

Dependent claims 14, 18, and 19 are allowable for the same reasons as are independent claims 13 and 15, as well as for the additional recitations contained therein.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions, or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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